

Meeting of the Waterbury Select Board
May 21st, 2018
28 North Main Street

Present: C. Viens, M. Metayer, M. Frier, J. Brown and N. Fish, Select Board; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; B. Farr, Transportation Liaison; S. Lotspeich, Community Planner; A. Imhoff, ORCA Media; and C. Lawrence, Town Clerk.

Public: Karen Nevin, Allan Thompson, Don Einhorn, Ken Belliveau, David Stone, Matt Bogaczyk, John Farr, Bob Chase, Caleigh Cross (Waterbury Record), Jackson Suckert, Dennis Cassidy, Everett Coffey, Bill Minter, Don & Anne Einhorn, Caitlin Hollister, Marie Andre-Gervais, Lucie Roy, Tara Dacek, John Kaplan, Jason Van Driesche, and Allegra Williams.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

APPROVE AGENDA

W. Shepeluk asked to update the Board on the contract with the State Police. M. Frier made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by N. Fish and passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

M. Metayer made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7th meeting and the appointment of Steve Lotspeich to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by N. Fish and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC

There was no public comment.

HORSESHOE CLUB REQUEST FOR MEMORIAL BENCH

Passed over.

REVITALIZING WATERBURY

Antique Car Show Permit

For the first time in 60 years, the 61st Vermont Antique and Classic Car Meet will be held in Waterbury from August 10 – 12 at Farr's Field. W. Shepeluk explained that State and local permits are required. The Town drafted a local permit based on one used by the motorcycle rally in years past, and sections of the Stowe permit were incorporated.

B. Chase stated that relative to public safety he is having a difficult time, as there is no Village Police presence. As of today, the Washington County Sheriff's Department will assist mainly on the parade route. He would like to discuss a police plan with the Board prior to the event and will need to iron this out prior to the submission of the Public Assembly Permit. Information on the car show and other events was distributed to the Board.

W. Shepeluk asked questions on the parade, including how traffic will be handled at the roundabout and how long the parade will last. B. Chase stated that the parade will most likely last 2 hours. K. Nevin stated that the route is designed so that some opposite traffic can pass. An officer will most likely direct other traffic through the roundabout.

K. Nevin explained that RW will close off Rotarian Way for a street dance, and cars will be lined up around Rusty Parker Park on Saturday night from 7:00 – 10:00pm. It is expected that 300 people will attend. Discussion continued as to the logistics of the parade.

W. Shepeluk stated that the Stowe permit required police at the entrance of the car show and during the parade, but not on the field. B. Chase stated they have hired a private security firm to be on the field from mid-morning on Friday until 2:00pm on Sunday.

M. Frier made a motion to conditionally approve the entertainment permit for the Vermont Antique and Classic Car Meet on August 10 – 12 at the Farr Field, as well as the dance at Rusty Parker Park and the parade. The motion was seconded by J. Brown and passed unanimously.

Wi-Fi Contract

W. Shepeluk previously distributed a letter of support from Revitalizing Waterbury for the Town to continue to utilize and pay for public Wi-Fi. After the flood, a grant was received that paid for the first five years of Wi-Fi coverage in the Village. The cost for a second 5 year contract is \$3,442.50. K. Nevin stated that Waterbury was one of the first Towns to receive the initial grant. She feels it is not being taken advantage of fully, so she will be looking into expanded uses. K. Nevin stated that not having public Wi-Fi will take Waterbury a step backwards. She recommended that the landing page be DiscoverWaterbury.com. W. Shepeluk stated this project could be under the RW umbrella as they continually work with businesses, with funding to come from the Town. J. Brown made a motion to approve the funding for the public Wi-Fi. The motion was seconded by M. Metayer and passed 4-0, with M. Frier recusing himself.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

A. Thompson was present and stated that the Commission has a full slate of members and are looking at projects over the next year. They have requested that S. Lotspeich and W. Shepeluk attend some of their meetings to help with budgeting and integration into municipal processes. There is a new group called the Waterbury Lands Initiative that hopes to access some grants and pursue conservation projects.

WATERBURY COMMONS PEDESTRIAN PATH

Waterbury Commons is a development off of Perry Hill Road developed by Paul Arnot. The first phase is built out and sold, and the second phase is under construction. S. Lotspeich explained the parcel is in the Village at the lower end of Perry Hill and there are 26 lots in total. When the project came to the Development Review Board as a Planned Unit Development, there was discussion about pedestrian access to Lincoln Street. P. Arnot offered to construct the path if the Town provided materials. In previous discussions on the issue, concerns were expressed by the Town about maintenance of the path.

D. Einhorn was present, with several neighbors, to advocate for the path. He stated that residents walk or bike into the Village on a daily basis. The residents would like to contribute in some way for safer access into the Village. He asked if the Town could provide the materials and come to some decision on summer maintenance. The residents would then provide funds to purchase four culverts that will be required and provide for winter maintenance.

W. Shepeluk reiterated the concerns and challenges with winter maintenance on sidewalks and paths. The second issue is that the land was annexed into the Village to provide sewer services. There are several village developments that do not have sidewalk services. Thirdly, oftentimes the developer is responsible for the necessary infrastructure that is then turned over to the Town. W. Shepeluk gave the estimated cost for materials for the path at approximately \$1,300 and stated that the direct cost to the Town is not the issue. S. Lotspeich explained that there will be a couple of easements necessary along Perry Hill and P. Arnot has offered to pay the legal expenses.

C. Viens stated that the Town does not have the staff or funding to maintain its current infrastructure. He expressed reluctance to take on the project as a responsibility of the Municipality, but was not adverse to providing the materials for its construction with year round maintenance by the Association. M. Metayer agreed that a middle ground area would be for the Homeowner's Association to incorporate the maintenance into its budget. W. Shepeluk stated that the biggest expense would be to maintain the culverts and recommended that if there is a contribution of

materials or money, the area between the development and Lincoln Street should be a Town owned right of way.

M. Frier spoke to affordability in the Town and stated that the tax rate has remained level due to the growth in the grand list. He expressed the need for a plan for safe pathways into the Village. W. Shepeluk reiterated that several developments have been annexed into the Village for sewer services but do not have any other Village amenities.

M. Frier suggested that the Town own the right of way and that the Association pay for materials and all maintenance for a period of 5 years, at which point the Town might consider taking over some maintenance. S. Lotspeich stated the Town should look at opportunities for lower cost materials for the project. W. Shepeluk stated that the Board may wish to leave out discussion of materials. N. Fish stated he is comfortable with this direction.

M. Frier made a motion to enter into an agreement to hold the easement for access to Waterbury Commons for a pedestrian path that the Association will build and maintain it in working with the developer. The motion was seconded by N. Fish and passed unanimously.

ROUTE 100 BIKE LANE DISCUSSION

K. Belliveau was present and stated he attended a project meeting in Stowe recently with regard to reconstruction of Route 100. He asked if there would be bike lanes striped in over the ramps on I-89. He was informed this would not be done and that the Select Board had indicated cyclists could use Stowe Street as an alternate route. K. Belliveau asked the Select Board to support his request for striped bike lanes across the on and off ramps.

W. Shepeluk clarified that the Select Board had asked VTrans to stripe Route 100 for cycling and to include a traffic light at Guptil Road. The conversation about Stowe Street as an alternate cycling route never came before the Select Board. B. Farr stated that at a previous meeting, there was a striping compromise to stripe designated bike lanes from Stowe Street to Guptil Road.

M. Bogaczyk, VTrans Project Manager, explained that there are safety concerns with striping through the interchange area as striping will invite cyclists to take that route. He stated that Route 100, heading northbound from the roundabout, will have very narrow shoulders and that VTrans is not comfortable striping through the interchange area and therefore considered Stowe Street an alternative.

J. Kaplan stated that he rode both directions on the Route 100 interchange and also Stowe Street with K. Belliveau. There are problematic areas for cyclists, including the right turn lanes for vehicles to get onto the interstate. This could be alleviated with the proper placement of a bike lane. J. Kaplan stated that left turns are also difficult for cyclists, such as turning onto Stowe Street when heading south on Route 100. The signalization at Route 100 and Stowe Street was discussed and conflicts between vehicular traffic and bicycle traffic in that area.

J. Van Driesche and A. Williams were present from Local Motion. They work with Towns and VTrans on these types of issues. J. Driesche emphasized the need to think about some form of safety on any roads used by cyclists. A second level is to find safe biking spaces.

J. Van Driesche stated he looked at Stowe Street and the intersection with Route 100 and agrees with VTrans that this can be a safe alternative. Local Motion is working with VTrans to provide a safe biking route from Waterbury to Stowe and agrees with VTrans that it would be unsafe to put a bike lane on the interchange. Local Motion would be happy to work with the Town on a hybrid solution and explore possibilities on Stowe Street.

MANAGER'S ITEMS

Guptil Road Traffic Issues

W. Shepeluk reminded the Board that the ordinance passed at the last meeting did not include a 3-way stop on Guptil Road and Maple Street. There will be another meeting on the site to further consider traffic calming ideas. The Town is trying to incorporate a flashing sign within the Guptil Road sign project, but will need to have a speed study done. S. Lotspeich is working with CVRPC on the study.

Budget Report

Passed over until next meeting.

UPDATE ON STATE POLICE CONTRACT

W. Shepeluk reported that he and M. Metayer have been working with the State Police on the contract. They will be reviewing the final draft of the contract and will place this topic on the agenda for the next meeting.

There being no further Select Board business, the meeting adjourned at 10:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved on: June 18, 2018